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INFO INS AGANA GUAM

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGSD SREF, VS, HK

SUBJECT: VIETNAMESE REFUGEES AND HONG KONG: MOVEMENT OF REFUGEES TO  
GUAM

REF: STATE 115935

1. PRIOR TO MAY 18, ONLY ONE GROUP OF REFUGEES DEPARTED  
HONG KONG FOR GUAM WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE CONSULATE  
GENERAL. THIS WAS THE GROUP OF 67, COMPRISING 58 WHO HAD  
ENTERED HONG KONG VIA SWISS AIR ON APRIL 30 AND NINE ON  
AIR AMERICA ON APRIL 29. IN ACCORDANCE WITH STATE 109341,  
WE REQUESTED ICEM TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR ONWARD TRANS-  
PORTATION TO GUAM. ICEM BOOKED PASSAGE ON PANAM 848 ON  
MAY 13 AND WE NOTIFIED BOTH THE DEPARTMENT AND GUAM OF  
THIS ARRANGEMENT BY HK 5185 ON MAY 12. IN THIS CABLE WE  
REQUESTED INFORMATION ON THE TYPE OF DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED.  
WE RECEIVED NO REPLY.

2. BEING UNABLE TO MAKE TELPHONIC CONTACT WITH GUAM, WE  
CALLED IATF ON THE MORNING OF MAY 13 AND SPOKE WITH FSO  
GRAHAM METSON, WHO AGREED TO CALL GUAM AND HAVE THEM CALL  
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US. AS A RESULT, WE RECEIVED A CALL FROM FSR NORMAN SWEET,

WHO INDICATED HE HAD SPOKEN WITH INS GUAM AND THAT THE REFUGEES COULD ENTER ON THAT DAY. HE ASKED FOR A DOCUMENT FOR EACH REFUGEE PROVIDING THEIR NAME AND ANY OTHER AVAILABLE PERSONAL INFORMATION, SIGNED BY A CONSULAR OFFICER, AND SEALED WITH THE CONSULAR SEAL. HE ALSO SUGGESTED THE LANGUAGE WHICH WE USED, WHICH WAS: BEGIN QUOTE THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT (NAME) (DATE OF BIRTH), HAS BEEN GRANTED AUTHORIZATION BY THE USG TO PROCEED TO GUAM IN ORDER TO BE PROCESSED THERE AS A REFUGEE. END QUOTE. THE ORIGINALS WERE SIGNED BY WILLARD B. DEVLIN, THE CHIEF OF OUR CONSULAR SECTION, AND SEALED. CARBON COPIES OF THESE WERE GIVEN TO THE PURSER OF THE PANAM FLIGHT TO BE DELIVERED TO INS GUAM UPON ARRIVAL.

3. THE ONLY OTHER VIETNAMESE REFUGEES WE KNOW OF WHO HAVE GONE FROM HONG KONG TO GUAM PRIOR TO MAY 18 WERE 12 ABOARD A PANAM FLIGHT ON APRIL 23 (HK 4346). WE DID NOT AUTHORIZE THESE PEOPLE TO GO TO GUAM. WE UNDERSTAND FROM THE LOCAL PANAM MANAGER THAT HE HAD A TELEX FROM THE PANAM MANAGER ON THIS BASIS, PUT THEM ON THE PLANE.

4. WE HAVE VARIED THE DOCUMENTATION, PROVIDING THE BEST WE COULD IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES. HOWEVER WE WOULD BE GLAD TO STANDARDIZE ON MINIMUM SATISFACTORY REQUIREMENTS. THE DEPARTMENT AND INS GUAM MAY WISH TO PROVIDE SPECIFIC GUIDANCE ON WHAT TYPE OF DOCUMENTATION IS PREFERRED.  
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